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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

Section 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-603, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

39-16-603.

(a)(1) Except as provided in subsection (b), it is unlawful for any person to intentionally flee by any means of locomotion from anyone the person knows to be a law enforcement officer if the person:

(A) Knows the officer is attempting to arrest the person; or

(B) Has been arrested.

(2) It is a defense to prosecution under this subsection that the attempted arrest was unlawful.

(3) A violation of subsection (a) is a Class A misdemeanor.

(b)(1) It is unlawful for any person, while operating a motor vehicle on any street, road, alley or highway in this state, to intentionally flee or attempt to elude any law enforcement officer, after having received any signal from such officer to bring the vehicle to a stop.

(2) It is a defense to prosecution under this subsection that the attempted arrest was unlawful.

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(3) A violation of subsection (b) is a Class E felony unless the flight or attempt to elude creates a risk of death or injury to innocent bystanders or other third parties in which case a violation of subsection (b) is a Class D felony.

(4) In addition to the penalty prescribed in this subsection, the court shall order the suspension of the driver license of such person for a period of not less than six (6) months nor more than two (2) years. If the license is already suspended at the time the order is issued, the suspension shall begin on the date the existing suspension ends. The court shall also confiscate the license being suspended and forward it to the department of safety along with a report of the license suspension. If the court is unable to take physical possession of such license, the court shall nevertheless forward the report to the department. The report shall include the complete name, address, birth date, eye color, sex, and driver license number, if known, of the person whose license has been suspended and shall indicate the first and last day of the suspension period. If the person is the holder of a license from another state, the court shall not confiscate the license but shall notify the department which shall notify the appropriate licensing officials in such other state. The court shall, however, suspend the person's non-resident driving privileges for the appropriate length of time.

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1995, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to all violations occurring on or after such date.